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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Please cancel 12, 13, 15, and 16 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 6, 20, and 22.

1. (previously amended): A computer implemented method of configuring a point of sale (POS) terminal to execute a handheld platform operating software comprising the steps of:
 - reading generic configuration settings from a storage device;
 - storing generic configuration settings in a memory;
 - determining if first computer system-specific configuration settings are stored on an attached storage device, said first computer system-specific configuration settings including at least one of brightness, volume, and energy saving settings for the POS terminal;
 - if said first computer system-specific configuration settings are stored on said storage device, copying said first computer system-specific configuration settings to said memory;
 - determining if second computer system-specific configuration settings are stored on a network device accessed through a network;
 - if said second computer system-specific configuration settings are stored on the network device, copying said second computer system-specific configuration settings to said memory;
 - setting a boot status setting; and

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rebooting said POS terminal to execute the handheld platform operating software according to computer system-specific configuration settings stored in said memory.

2. (previously amended): The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the second computer system-specific configuration settings include at least one of first computer system-specific configuration settings.

3. (original): The computer implemented method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the configuration settings identify configuration settings to be stored.

4. (previously amended): A computer implemented method of configuring a point of sale (POS) terminal to execute a handheld platform operating software comprising the steps of:

reading generic configuration settings from a storage device;

storing generic configuration settings in a memory;

determining if first computer system-specific configuration settings are stored on an attached storage device, said first computer system-specific configuration settings including at least one of brightness, volume, and energy saving settings for the POS terminal;

if said first computer system-specific configuration settings are stored on said storage device, copying said first computer system-specific configuration settings to said memory;

setting a boot status setting; and

rebooting said POS terminal to execute the handheld platform operating software according to computer system-specific configuration settings stored in said memory.

5. (previously amended): A computer implemented method of configuring a POS terminal to execute a handheld platform operating software comprising the steps of:

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reading generic configuration settings from an attached storage device;
storing generic configuration settings in a memory;
determining if second computer system-specific configuration settings are stored on a network device accessed through a network, said second computer system-specific configuration settings including at least one of brightness, volume, and energy saving settings for the POS terminal;

if said second computer system-specific configuration settings are stored on the network device, copying said second computer system-specific configuration settings to said memory;
setting a boot status setting; and
rebooting said computer system to execute the handheld platform operating software according to computer system-specific configuration settings stored in said memory.

6. (currently amended): A computer implemented method of configuring a point of sale (POS) terminal comprising the steps of:

loading generic configuration settings;
loading computer system-specific configuration settings, said computer system-specific configuration settings including at least one of brightness, volume, and energy saving settings for the POS terminal executing a handheld platform operating software; and
rebooting the POS terminal to execute the handheld platform operating software according to the loaded computer system-specific configuration settings.

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7. (previously amended): The computer implemented method as claimed in claim 6 wherein the computer system-specific configuration settings are read from a storage device or a network device accessed over a network.

8. (previously amended): The computer implemented method as claimed in claim 6 wherein computer system-specific configuration settings are read from a storage device and comprising the further step of:

loading computer system-specific configuration settings from a network device accessed over a network.

9. (previously amended): The computer implemented method as claimed in claim 8 comprising the further step of:

using computer system-specific configuration settings from the network device.

10. (previously amended): The computer implemented method of claim 6, wherein the configuration settings further include at least one of color depth, peripheral device, delay period, communication port, and baud rate settings for the POS terminal.

11. (original): The computer implemented method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the configuration settings identify configuration settings to be stored.

claims 12-16 (canceled)

17. (previously amended): A computer-implemented method of storing configuration settings of a point of sale (POS) terminal executing a handheld platform operating software comprising the steps of:

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determining if a storage device is connected to the POS terminal executing a handheld platform operating software;

if the storage device is connected to the computer system, storing computer system-specific configuration settings to the storage device, said computer system-specific configuration settings including at least one of brightness, volume, and energy saving settings for the POS terminal;

determining if the computer system is connected to a network connection having a computer system; and

if the network connection having a computer system is connected to the POS terminal, storing computer system-specific configuration settings to the computer system.

18. (previously amended): A computer implemented method of storing configuration settings of a point of sale (POS) terminal comprising the steps of:

receiving a specified event at the POS terminal;

determining if a storage device is connect to the POS terminal; and

if the storage device is connected to the POS terminal, storing computer system-specific configuration settings to the storage device, said computer system-specific configuration settings including at least one of brightness, volume, and energy saving settings for the POS terminal.

19. (original): The computer implemented method as claimed in claim 18 wherein the specified event includes at least one of expiration of a delay period and computer system shutdown.

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20. (currently amended): A computer implemented method of storing configuration settings of a point of sale (POS) terminal comprising the steps of:

- receiving a specified event at the computer system;
- determining if the POS terminal executing a handheld platform operating software is connected to a network connection having a computer system; and
- if the POS terminal executing a handheld platform operating software is connected to the network connection having a computer system, storing computer system-specific configuration settings to the computer system, said computer system-specific configuration settings including at least one of brightness, volume, and energy saving settings for the POS terminal.

21. (original): The computer implemented method as claimed in claim 20 wherein the specified event includes at least one of expiration of a delay period and computer system shutdown.

22. (currently amended): A system for storing configuration settings of a point of sale (POS) terminal comprising:

- a processor for receiving and transmitting data; and
- a memory coupled to the processor, said memory having stored therein computer system-specific configuration settings and sequences of instructions which, when executed by said processor, cause said processor to receive a specified event, determine if the POS terminal executing a handheld platform operating software is connected to a storage device, and if the POS terminal executing a handheld platform operating software is connected to a storage device, store the computer system-specific configuration settings to the storage device, wherein said

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computer system-specific configuration settings including at least one of brightness, volume, and energy saving settings for the POS terminal.

23. (previously amended): The system as claimed in claim 22 wherein said memory further comprises sequences of instructions which, when executed by said processor, cause said processor to determine if the POS terminal is connected to a network connection having a computer system and if the POS terminal is connected to the network connection having a computer system, store the computer system-specific configuration settings to the computer system.